authorities to trace the funds transferred from Lugano in Switzerland to the London accounts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the response so far received from the Swiss authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) (a) CBI is in the process of sending a Letter Rogatory as per laid down procedure to Switzerland for investigation into the funds allegedly transferred from the account of BSI-Lugano, Switzerland to the accounts of Quattrocchi in London, U.K.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Withdrawal of money by Ottavio Quattrocchi

1072. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ottavio Quattrocchi had withdrawn the entire amount totalling Rs. 28 crore on 16th January, 2006 from his two London Bank accounts on recommendation of the Additional Solicitor General to British authorities being no evidence to link that money to the Bofors payment if so, the details;

(b) whether C.B.I. had submitted before Apex Court that trial against Quattrocchi would continue and extradition proceedings were on to produce him before CMM, Delhi; and

(c) if so, on what ground defreezing of accounts was conveyed to London Bank and the action proposed to be taken against the official concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Quattrocchi had withdrawn the entire funds from BSI AG Bank, London on 16.1.2006. The accounts were defreezed as per order dated 11.1.2006 of the High Court of Justice, London on an application moved by the Crown Prosecution Service.

(b) The CBI had submitted before the Apex Court on 23.1.2006 that Court Case No. 2/2002 against Quattrocchi is subjudice before CMM, Delhi and the CBI would take suitable action in the case in accordance with law. The CBI would also seek further avenues for extradition of Quattrocchi who is an accused in the case and a Red Corner Notice is pending against him.

(c) The freezing order was temporary. The CBI was required to link the funds available in the frozen accounts of Quattrocchi in London with the proceeds of the crime received by Quattrocchi from M/s A.B. Bofors. Despite all possible efforts, the CBI had not found any evidence connecting the frozen accounts with the criminal case pending against Quattrocchi. Under these circumstances, the Crown Prosecution Service had applied to the U.K. Court for the discharge of the restraint order relating to Quattrocchi's funds as the restraint order leading to the freezing of London Accounts was temporary as mentioned earlier.

In view of the facts mentioned above, the question of taking action against any official of CBI does not arise.

Labour Intensive Industries

†1073. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making any effort to do away with unemployment by promoting labour based industries in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government are doing this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) The new programme and policy initiatives of Government that will promote faster growth of labour intensive activities, include:

(i) National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

(ii) National Horticulture Mission

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.